

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Tuesday 21th February 2017.

Opening:

Forty eight members were present. The Captain, Gerry McClory chaired the meeting and welcomed the members on this the 25th Annual General Meeting. He asked members to stand in silence in remembrance of loved ones no longer with us.

Apologies:

There were 21 verbal apologies recorded.

Minutes:

The adoption of the 2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes were proposed by G. Latham seconded by C. Whan and agreed. The Chairman formally signed the Minutes.

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Outgoing Captains Report: 2017

Mr President, Mr Vice Captain gentlemen. It has been a great honour and privilege to serve as your Captain for the last year. I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and I have had the privilege of watching a lot of very dedicated golfers play their heart out for this club. My time as Captain has been greatly simplified by the dedication and hard work of the committee who have given me superb support throughout the year. Having said that there is always some who deserve a special mention. The President Mervyn has always been available to give that extra bit of friendly advice whenever something unusual crops up, thank you Mervyn for your understanding and advice.

The Vice-Captain Deaglan was always there when I needed help and support in other matters especially in setting up our now successful Twitter account.

The Sectary Stewart Rogers who has been very supportive when it comes to getting things organised, your help has been invaluable.

The Treasurer Dave McEwen who has made my understanding of financial reports a lot easier and ensuring that we do not get too carried away with the money. The last year has been financially challenging, with the help of members of the committee we hope to see our finances rise to a more acceptable level. Of course, there is Tom Chapman the

M&H Sect and his committee, Tom seems to spend more of his time at Edenmore than he does at home. Tom is the rock that keeps the club competitions ticking over. Without his tireless work the competitions would be in serious disarray and without the income they generate we would have no income to spend on the niceties of life. A very sincere thank you Tom for your continuing hard work.

The Teams Captains are an essential part of every club and ours are among the best. Every one of them has worked very hard to put out the best team possible on any given date and to them we all owe a great deal, thank you gentlemen for your time and efforts this year. The Juveniles have been expertly organised and motivated by Michael Currie for the last year, assisted and advised it must be said by Caroline Watson.

To outgoing lady Captain Vivienne and her outgoing committee grateful thanks for your support, and friendship during our year as captains. To the ladies committee a highlight of the year was regaining the annual Gents /Ladies cup and thank you for making the occasion enjoyable and great fun.

It would be very remiss of me not to publicly thank Kenny, Cherry and Josh plus the Management team here at Edenmore for their tremendous help to me this year. My Captain's Day and dinner night ran very smoothly thanks to their expertise. The food was great and the service was first class, Kenny please pass on my thanks to all of the staff. The highlight of my year was indeed Captain's Day. The weather was not that great at the start but thankfully all the candles I lit paid off and we had a great day. The course, thanks to James and his Green Staff was in immaculate condition and the pin positions were not too challenging.

Everyone I talked to seemed to enjoy themselves and it certainly was an education to watch over 200 golfers tee off on the first hole, having seen some of the tee shots I now know I am not the worst golfer in the club. Our Final's Day when we staged the finals of most of the Club Match Play competitions was a great success and the comradery and craic between the members was a rewarding sight. It needs a few minor tweaks but I believe this day is now a regular spot in our golfing calendar. Do come along and support the occasion and your friends who will be trying to win their particular comp.

In my acceptance speech last year, I asked you all to say a prayer for Sam Quigley who was recovering from a serious accident, thankfully Sam is with us tonight and I wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him on the golf course soon.

Appreciative thanks to all our sponsors without your help the job of the committee would be extremely difficult.

Enough from me, it's time I stepped aside and let the new Captain and Committee get on with running this excellent club. I wish them every success in the coming year to Deaglan and Colin, I hope you enjoy yourself as much as I did. Thank you again for making my golfing life complete by allowing me the privilege of being your Captain for the past year.

Gerry Mc Clory

Election of Office Bearers:

The Captain declared all offices vacant and continued to chair the Meeting for the election of Club Officers.

The 2016 Committee had put forward nominations for the offices of Captain and Vice-Captain. No other nominations had been received.

The nominations made by the 2016 Committee:-

Captain – Deaglan O'Hagan

Vice-Captain –Colin Whan

Captain:

On the proposal of G. McClory and seconded by D. Mc Kinnley, it was agreed that Deaglan O'Hagan be elected Club Captain for the year 2017/18. The Captain, D. O'Hagan, was then presented with his Club Blazer by the outgoing Captain G. McClory. G. McClory wished his successor every success during his year in office and asked him to take the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

The Captain, D. O'Hagan, thanked G. McClory for his good wishes and also thanked the members for electing him as Captain. He said that he was proud to be Captain and that he would wear his Blazer with pride whilst representing Edenmore. He praised the work of the Committee and thanked them for endorsing his nomination for Captain. He said that in his working career he believed in surrounding himself with good people to be able to achieve great things, the Committee are just that, good people and he would endeavour to build upon the successes, which had already been achieved during Gerry's Captaincy. He said as incoming Captain he felt deeply privileged , especially when you look at

the list of names who have Captained the Club in previous years. He assured the members that he would represent the Club in the manner that they would expect, to be a true ambassador both home and away and most importantly, to be available whenever possible, to meet and discuss with members any suggestions or problems that they might have. He said that this was a proud moment and thanked the members once again for electing him as Captain.

In 2017 he said his main goal was to increase participation in Club activities in both competitions and social events. Due to bad weather 2016 had experienced a negative downturn in our accounts and with the help of his Committee, his incoming Vice Captain and the Management of Edenmore Country Club, he recognised the importance of generating income for the Golf Club. He said that plans were afoot to address this, the charge being led by his yet to be elected Vice, Colin Whan. He said he was determined to give this year 100% and looked forward to ensuring that 2017 was a successful year.

Vice-Captain:

On the proposal of D.O'Hagan, seconded by M. Currie, it was agreed that C. Whan be elected Vice-Captain for the year 2017/18. The Captain invited the new Vice-Captain to join him at the top-table. Supported with acclamation.

The new Vice Captain pledged his support for the new Captain and also stated his intention to serve the Club and it's members to the best of his ability.

Election of Committee Members:

Nominations for Committee members.

Five names had been proposed for five positions on the committee.

Bobby Cosgrove

Kenneth Beeton

Kenneth McAleenon

Jonathan McGahey

Frank McCracken

As there were no other nominations no vote was necessary.

The Captain asked for a block proposal and second.

Proposed by C. Whan and seconded by D. McEwen. All 5 were duly elected.

The Captain welcomed the new members to the committee and said he looked forward to working with them this year.

The Juvenile Convenor, Michael Currie was stepping down this year and he proposed Adam Mc Greevy as his successor , seconded by K. McAleenon, Adam was duly elected as Juvenile Convenor commencing 2017.

Secretary's Report:

The Honorary Secretary indicated that he had nothing to add to his report contained in the Annual Report and offered to answer any questions / queries members might have.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer D. McEwen had supplied written reports which had been available to members from the Pro Shop. It had been decided that the Financial Report should not be included in the Annual Report and made public via email to the members. The Treasurer gave the members present a Powerpoint Presentation which clearly showed our current financial situation. Highlighting the areas of income and expenditure he was able to show that due to poor weather and a lack of competition entries, there had been a substantial drain on our resources during the past year.

He confirmed that the Accounts had been audited by Ian Murphy. The Annual Accounts and Treasurers Report as presented were agreed and adopted on the proposal of Bill White and seconded by W. Moffatt.

Match and Handicap Secretary's Report:

Tom Chapman gave the meeting a brief explanation of the match and handicap committee report. He thanked the match and handicap committee for their help throughout the year. He announced that the Matchplay phase of the Winter League was due to be played in March and took that opportunity to thank David Donnell once again for his generous sponsorship of the Winter League. He informed the members that there would be a closing dinner for all entrants in the Winter League. He informed the meeting that the sheets for upcoming

competitions are up in the locker room and invited members to put their name forward for selection for the various competitions. Tom congratulated Dave Finlayson, whose consistent form won him Player of the Year. He briefly discussed a new local rule regarding “a ball moving on the green” . He told the meeting that during the recent handicap review 54 members were reviewed and 8 members had their handicaps increased as a result. He finished by thanking the sponsors and Andy, and Josh in the pro shop for their help in administering our competitions during the year.

Any Other Business:

There was one Notice of Motion proposed by David McEwen and seconded by M. Nicholson, “That the Accounts be made available for the Members perusal two weeks before the AGM. A supply of copies of the Accounts will be available for collection by the members, in the Pro Shop, from that date. There were no amendments and it was agreed by the meeting that this should be adopted.

The newly elected Vice Captain, Colin Whan, took the floor and gave a presentation to the members of his intention to run and organise a Golf Classic Day to try and generate some much needed income for the Club. He asked for the support of the members and encouraged them to advertise this amongst others who were not present and endeavour to make this a successful venture.

Closure:

At the close of the meeting the Captain invited all present to enjoy a supper and the members were joined by members of the ladies club who had been holding their Annual General Meeting in another room in the clubhouse.

Signed:- _____

Date: - 20th February 2018